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The Microsoft settlement seems extremeley watered down to me. I have been using computers for nearly two decades now and never remember one companies products showing up on a OEM computer as much as Microsoft's. I would have liked to see the original settlement with the breakup of Microsoft into two separate companies take place.

Some not an intire list of grievences I have as a computer programer:

Not every win32 in documented. Microsoft programmers have access to system call the rest of the world doesn't have.

Registered File Types. On a brand new computer the mp3 extension is registered with the Windows Media Player. Try explaining how to use some other product to listen to mp3s to a novice computer user.

Contracts Microsoft can force on OEM computer retailers. Some won't even sell Lynux on a computer because of this, let along another OS.

Ask a novice computer user to list any known OSs, or office suites. My guess is 90% won't even know that a choice exists. Let along ask them to open a file from a competing company.

Our country has been made great by competition, but also by having the goverment step in and restore balance when our choices have been taken away.

Thanks for reading,

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